



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 974-7691



June 28, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Chewkat Jajieh
Bliss ShowGirls
13217 Valley Blvd
La Puente, CA 91746

HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY
ENTERTAINMENT-ADULT BUSINESS LICENSE ID #137255
(CONTINUED FROM APRIL 20, 2011 MEETING)

MEMBERS
STEVEN AFRIAT
PRESIDENT
RENÉE CAMPBELL
VICE-PRESIDENT
SARA VASQUEZ
SECRETARY
JAMES BARGER
COMMISSIONER
SHAN LEE
COMMISSIONER

Dear Applicant:

The Business License Commission will hold a hearing on the above matter on **Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 374-A, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Your presence is requested at this hearing. If you are unable to attend you may authorize a representative to appear on your behalf. The representative must present signed and duly notarized letter giving authorization and the reasons you are unable to appear.

RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION / FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPEAKERS

You have the right to be represented at this hearing by an attorney or other individual of your choosing and at your own cost. In the absence of a representative, you must represent yourself and the hearing will proceed as scheduled.

If you require a translator, you must arrange at your own cost to have present at the hearing either a **professional/certified interpreter or other person who is fluent in both English and your native language.** If you are unable to locate an interpreter, please contact our office and you will be provided a list of interpreting services.

Parking is available at your cost in Lot 14, the Music Center lot, located at the corner of Grand Avenue and Temple Street. A map is enclosed. **Please note proceedings begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. The Business License Commission reserves the right to reschedule your hearing to a later date for failure to timely appear.**

Sincerely,

STEVEN AFRIAT
President

Twila P. Kerr
Commission Staff

c: Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department
James L. Miller, Esq.

from Fire Department, sent her an e-mail with a new approved Business License Application Referral. President Afriat read the email from Mr. Gunther for the record. The Muse Elementary School at the location of 1717 Old Topanga Canyon Road, Topanga, CA 90290, has been inspected and meets the fire and life safety requirements of an elementary school. Ms. Hernandez reported Regional Planning explained in the past CP was the verbiage used for a Conditional Use Permit.

Daphne Carr, representing Susan Cameron, owner of Muse Elementary School, reported on the schools fire safety program and the details of school operation and evacuation plans in the event of emergency. The school has two full time employees as ground control responsible for brush clearing and maintenance of the area. Extensive fire drills and evacuation plans are practiced once a month. Fire safety plan is posted in each class room and each teacher has an emergency backpack. The main exit is a paved exit from the school at top of the property, and the fire access road can be utilized as a secondary exit.

Patrick Dunn, representing Susan Cameron, owner of Muse Elementary School, reported for the last 25 years a school has been operating at the site. He informed the Commission Los Angeles County is listed on the school's liability insurance.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

Maintain daily inspection of school site for brush clearing and watering as needed

Post fire plans for parents view and continue monthly fire drills;

Maintain access to a secondary exit;

Include County as additional insured on the insurance;

Comply with all CUP conditions and

The 28 passenger bus available on site in the event of an emergency.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Barger

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

5. Hearing on recommendation to deny Entertainment-Adult Business License ID #137255, for Bliss ShowGirls, Chewkat Jajieh, owner located at 13217 Valley Boulevard La Puente, CA 91746 in the First District. (11-1819)

Vice President Campbell recused herself due to possible conflict of interest.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, reported that the application is being recommended for denial by the Sheriff's Department. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department reported the denial is based on the following Los Angeles County codes 7.92.050 (F, H) and 7.92.070(B, D and E).

7.92.050 License requirements - General

F. Permanent barriers shall be installed and maintained to screen the interior of the premises from public view for each door used as an entrance or exit to the business.

H. All indoor areas of the business within which patrons are permitted, except rest rooms, shall be open to view at all times, which view shall not be obstructed by any door, wall, curtain, two-way mirror, person, merchandise, display rack, or other material.

7.92.070 License requirements - Adults cabarets and adult theaters

B. No person shall perform live entertainment for patrons except upon a stage at least 18 inches above the level of the floor, which is separated by a distance of at least six feet from the nearest area occupied by patrons, and no patrons shall be permitted within six feet of the stage while the stage is occupied by an entertainer.

D. The business shall provide an entrance to and exit from the premises for entertainers which is separate from the entrance and exit used by patrons.

E. The business shall provide access for entertainers between the stage and the dressing rooms which is completely separated from the patrons. If such separate access is not physically feasible, the business shall provide a minimum three-foot-wide walk aisle for entertainers between the dressing rooms and the stage, with a railing, fence or other barrier separating the patrons and the entertainers, which is capable of, and which actually results in, preventing any physical contact between patrons and entertainers.

James Miller, attorney for Bliss ShowGirls, stated due to space limitation the establishment can not comply with subsection 7.92.070 B and E.

Sergeant Jeffrey Walker, Sheriff's Department, Vice Squad informed the Commission keeping the wall requires additional vice attention and the opaque glass is an issue to see throughout the club.

On motion of Secretary Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Barger, the Commission agreed to continue this meeting to June 29, 2011, and directed the parties involved to meet and work together on the issues.

Ayes: 3 - President Afriat, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Barger

Excused: 1 - Vice President Campbell

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

III. REPORTS

6. Commissioners' Comment

The Commission reviewed the calendar and agreed to cancel the April 27, 2011 and May 4, 2011 meetings.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interests that are within jurisdiction of the Committee. (11-1749)

No members of the Public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

8. Adjournment for the Meeting of April 20, 2011. (11-1833)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2011.



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April 12, 2011

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HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY
ENTERTAINMENT-ADULT BUSINESS LICENSE ID #137255

Dear Applicant:

The Business License Commission will hold a hearing on the above matter on **Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 374-A, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Your presence is requested at this hearing. If you are unable to attend you may authorize a representative to appear on your behalf. The representative must present signed and duly notarized letter giving authorization and the reasons you are unable to appear.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



MARK J. SALADINO
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KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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January 14, 2011

CHAWKAT JAJIEH
BLISS SHOWGIRLS
13217 VALLEY BLVD
LA PUENTE, CA 91746

NOTICE OF DENIAL

Your application for a ENTERTAINMENT-ADULT Business License, I.D. # 137255 located at; 13217 VALLEY BLVD, LA PUENTE, CA 91746 **IS NOT RECOMMENDED** for approval by the following agency listed below:

**SHERIFF FINGERPRINT
ATTN: TERRI MCLAUGHLIN
(562) 946-7230**

**LOCATION FAILS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF LACC 7.92.050 (F,H) AND
7.92.070 (B,D,E).**

You have a right to a hearing and may request a hearing before the **BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION** within (5) business days after the receipt of this letter. Your request for a hearing must be in writing and addressed to:

**BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
500 W. TEMPLE STREET ROOM 374
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

If you have further questions please contact the agency above.

Very truly yours,

MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

Cristina M. Hernandez
Business License Section
Revenue and Enforcement Division

JAMES L. MILLER, ESQ.
P.O. Box 195
Newport Beach, CA 92662-0195

949/675-3590
Facsimile 949/675-3591

January 20, 2011

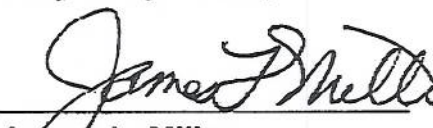
L.A. County Busienss License Comm'n
Room 374
500 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Business License Denial Appeal – License # 137255

Dear Business License Comm'n:

On behalf of my client, Chawkat Jajieh, this is a request for hearing in response to the Notice of Denial letter applicant received January 18, 2011. Kindly contact this office for anything further you may need to perfect this request and to explain your procedures from this point forward.

Very Truly Yours,


James L. Miller

JLM:li

Cc: Chawkat Jajieh
Cristina Hernandez

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR**

225 N. Hill Street Room 109, P.O. Box 54970, Los Angeles, CA 90054-0970

**BUSINESS LICENSE
APPLICATION REFERRAL**

KIND OF BUSINESS: ENTERTAINMENT-ADULT

ADDRESS OF BUSINESS: 13217 VALLEY BLVD, LA PUENTE, CA 91746

TELEPHONE: (626) 336-9499

OWNER OF BUSINESS: CHAWKAT JAJIEH

CAL. DR. LIC.# : C4950581

NAME OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED:

FICTITIOUS NAME: BLISS SHOWGIRLS

MAILING ADDRESS: 13217 VALLEY BLVD, LA PUENTE, CA 91746

DATE THAT YOU STARTED BUSINESS:

PREVIOUS OWNER'S NAME, IF KNOWN:

THIS IS AN APPLICATION FOR: NEW LICENSE

TM
910-00485

Ben
Jajieh E.H.

SHERIFF FINGERPRINT

LA COUNTY

☐ APPROVAL

☒ DENIAL

RECOMMENDATION: LOCATION FAILS TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF LACC

7.92.050 (F)(H) AND 7.92.070 (B)(D)(E)

SIGNATURE: B. Garcia

DATE: 11-15-10

BASIC LICENSE NO. 2810

DATE 04/14/10

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 137255

G.H.

7.92.050 License requirements--General.

Any adult business shall conform to the following requirements:

- A. At least one security guard shall be on duty outside the premises, patrolling the grounds and parking areas, at all times while the business is open. If the occupancy limit of the premises is greater than 50 persons, an additional security guard shall be on duty inside the premises. The security guard(s) shall be charged with preventing violations of law, with enforcing compliance by patrons with the requirements of this chapter and with notifying the sheriff of any violations of law observed. Security guard(s) required by this subsection shall be uniformed in such a manner so as to be readily identifiable as a security guard by the public and shall be duly licensed as a security guard as required by applicable provisions of state or local law. No security guard required pursuant to this subsection shall act as a doorperson, ticket seller, ticket taker, or admittance person while acting as a security guard hereunder.
- B. Landscaping shall conform to the standards established for the zone, except that, if the business is the sole use on a lot, no planting shall exceed 30 inches in height, except trees with foliage not less than six feet above the ground.
- C. The entire exterior grounds, including the parking lot, shall be lighted in such a manner that all areas are clearly visible at all times.
- D. The premises within which the business is located shall provide sufficient sound-absorbing insulation so that sound generated inside said premises shall not be audible anywhere on any adjacent property or public right-of-way or within any other building or other separate space within the same building.
- E. No exterior door or window on the premises shall be propped or kept open at any time while the business is open, and any exterior windows shall be covered with opaque covering at all times.
- F. Permanent barriers shall be installed and maintained to screen the interior of the premises from public view for each door used as an entrance or exit to the business.
- G. Signage shall conform to the standards established for the zone except that such signage shall be limited to the business name, the street address and the notice required by subsection K of this section.
- H. All indoor areas of the business within which patrons are permitted, except rest rooms, shall be open to view at all times, which view shall not be obstructed by any door, wall, curtain, two-way mirror, person, merchandise, display rack, or other material.
- I. Except as specifically provided in this chapter and in Title 22, the business shall comply with the parking, development and design standards established for the zone in which the business is located.
- J. No adult material or adult merchandise shall be displayed in such a manner as to be visible from any location other than within the premises occupied by the business.
- K. No person under the age of 18 years and no person obviously intoxicated shall be permitted within the premises at any time. A sign giving notice of this provision shall be prominently posted at each entrance to the premises of the business.
- L. The business shall not operate or be open between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- M. The business shall provide and maintain separate rest room facilities for male patrons and employees and female patrons and employees. Male patrons and employees shall be prohibited from using the rest room(s) for females, and female patrons and employees shall be prohibited from using the rest room(s) for males, except to carry out duties of repair, maintenance and cleaning of the rest room facilities. The rest rooms shall be free from all adult materials and adult merchandise. Rest rooms shall not contain television monitors or other motion picture or video projection, recording or reproduction equipment. The foregoing provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to an adult business which deals exclusively with sale or rental of merchandise which is not used or consumed on the premises, such as an adult bookstore, and which does not provide rest room facilities to its patrons or the general public.
- N. Except as otherwise required by law or provided herein, all areas of the business accessible to patrons shall be illuminated at least to the extent of 20 footcandle, minimally maintained and evenly distributed at ground level.
- O. Individual viewing areas of the business shall be operated and maintained without any hole or other opening or means of direct communication or visual or physical access between the interior space of two or more individual viewing areas and shall not be occupied by more than one person at any one time.
- P. The business shall have at least one responsible person on the premises to act as manager at

all times during which the business is open. Such manager, if not the owner or licensee, shall first procure a license as such manager and pay an annual license fee in the amount set forth in Section 7.14.010 of this title, under the appropriate heading.

A person other than the owner or licensee shall not be employed as or act in the capacity of manager until such person has the license required by this section. (Ord. 2003-0067 § 34, 2003; Ord. 94-0081 § 2 (part), 1994.)

7.92.070 License requirements--Adult cabarets and adult theaters.

An adult cabaret or an adult theater shall conform to all of the requirements previously set forth in this chapter and shall also conform to the following additional requirements:

A. The application for an adult business license shall be accompanied by a diagram of the premises showing a plan thereof specifying the location of and dimensions of the stage upon which live entertainment will be performed, the location of the entertainers' dressing room or rooms, and the location of the entrances to and exits from the premises which are to be used exclusively by the entertainers and those which are to be used by the patrons, all of which demonstrates compliance with the requirements of this section. The tax collector shall waive the foregoing diagram for renewal applications if the owner adopts the diagram that was previously submitted and certifies that the configuration of the premises has not been altered since that diagram was prepared. No alteration in the configuration of the premises from the diagram submitted with the application for an adult business license may be made without the prior approval of the tax collector, who shall insure that the configuration requirements of this section continue to be met.

B. No person shall perform live entertainment for patrons except upon a stage at least 18 inches above the level of the floor, which is separated by a distance of at least six feet from the nearest area occupied by patrons, and no patron shall be permitted within six feet of the stage while the stage is occupied by an entertainer.

C. The business shall provide separated dressing rooms for entertainers which are exclusively dedicated to the entertainers' use.

D. The business shall provide an entrance to and exit from the premises for entertainers which is separate from the entrance and exit used by patrons.

E. The business shall provide access for entertainers between the stage and the dressing rooms which is completely separated from the patrons. If such separate access is not physically feasible, the business shall provide a minimum three-foot-wide walk aisle for entertainers between the dressing rooms and the stage, with a railing, fence or other barrier separating the patrons and the entertainers, which is capable of, and which actually results in, preventing any physical contact between patrons and entertainers.

F. No entertainer shall have physical contact with any patron, and no patron shall have physical contact with any entertainer while on the premises.

G. Fixed rails at least 30 inches in height shall be maintained establishing the separations between entertainers and patrons. (Ord. 2003-0067 § 36, 2003; Ord. 94-0081 § 2 (part), 1994.)